

Indian Ridge Ward

October 2017 – The Joy of Missionary Work

I used to give this talk to the YM when I was a YM President over 30 years ago in our ward. I loved those boys and I love our YM now just as much! My mom gave a copy of this talk to me before my mission. Elder LeGrande Richards was my favorite apostle and mom knew it. I encourage parents to give this talk to your kids. It changed my life. It is from General Conference in 1978. My mission and the blessings I received and the miracles I witnessed in Australia bring tears to my eyes to this very day. Here you go:

“I think of when I was a young man, before I was even ordained a deacon, I went to one of our ward meetings in the little country town where I was raised, and two missionaries reported on their missions down in the Southern States. In those days they traveled without purse or scrip, and they had to sleep out many nights when they couldn’t get entertainment. I don’t know whether they said anything unusual that night or not; but if they didn’t, the Lord did something unusual for me, because when I left that meeting, I felt like I could have walked to any mission field in the world, if I just had a call. And I went home, went into my little bedroom, and got down on my knees, and asked the Lord to help me to live worthy so that when I was old enough I could go on a mission. And when the train finally left the station here in Salt Lake and I was headed for the little land of Holland, the last thing I said to my loved ones was, “This is the happiest day of my life.”

“Before I left on that mission, President Anthon H. Lund, who was then a counselor in the First Presidency of the Church, talked to us missionaries, and he said, among other things, “The people will love you. Now,” he said, “don’t get lifted up in the pride of your hearts and think that they love you because you are better than other people. They will love you because of what you bring to them.” I did not understand that then, but before I left the little land of Holland, where I spent nearly three years, I knew what President Lund meant. I went around saying good-bye to the Saints and the converts who I had brought into the Church, and I shed a thousand tears, as compared to what I shed when I told my loved ones good-bye.

“For instance, in Amsterdam I went into a home where I had been the first missionary there, and the little mother, looking up into my face with tears rolling down her cheeks, said, “Brother Richards, it was hard to see my daughter leave for Zion a few months ago, but it’s much harder to see you go.” I had been the first missionary in that home. Then I thought I could understand what President Lund meant when he said, “They will love you.”

“I went to tell a man with a little Dutch beard good-bye. He stood erect in the uniform of his country. He got down on his knees and took my hand in his and hugged it and kissed it and bathed it with his tears. And then I thought I could understand what President Lund meant when he said, “They will love you.”

“Now I like a little story that President Grant used to tell about the love that converts have for their missionaries. He told about a couple who came here from one of the Scandinavian countries. They hadn’t been taught much about the gospel. All they knew was that it was true. And so the bishop went to this couple and taught them the law of tithing. They paid their tithing. Then later the bishop went to them and taught them about the fast offering. They paid their fast offering. And then the bishop went to them again to get a donation to help build a ward meetinghouse. They thought that ought to come out of the tithing, but before the bishop got through with them, they paid their donation on the meetinghouse.

“Then the bishop went to the father to get his son to go on a mission. Now I can hear President Grant standing here, saying, “That was the straw that broke the camel’s back.” The man said, “He’s our only child. His mother will miss him. We can’t let him go.” Then the bishop countered, “Brother So-and-So, who do you love in this world more than anyone else outside of your own relatives?” And he thought for a few minutes. He said, “I guess I love that young man who came up to the land of the midnight sun and taught me the gospel of Jesus Christ.” Then the bishop countered, “Brother So-and-So, how would you like someone to love your boy just like that?” The man said, “Bishop, you win again; take him. I’ll pay for his mission.”

“Now you fathers, how would you like someone to love your boys just like that man loved that boy who came up to the land of the midnight sun and taught him the gospel? I heard a missionary up in Oregon giving the report of his mission. He himself was a convert to the Church, and he came down with his fist

on the pulpit, and he said, "I wouldn't take a check tonight for a million dollars for the experience of my mission." I sat back of him, and I said to myself, "Would you take a million dollars for your first mission in the little land of Holland?" And I began counting the families that I'd been instrumental in bringing into the Church. What kind of a man would I be if I were to sell them out of the Church for a million dollars? I wouldn't do that for all the money in the world!

"The other night I sat in my little study in my apartment and began reminiscing, and I counted ten families that I'd been instrumental in bringing into the Church, and I've lived long enough to see their sons go on missions. I checked with just one of those families here just a few years back when I had to give a talk at a Brigham Young University banquet for the Indians. At that time there were 153 direct descendants of that one family alone. Thirty-five of them had filled full-term missions, and four had done stake missionary work. If you gave them two years apiece, that would be seventy years of missionary service out of that one family, without counting all the converts that their converts had made. And then one family kept two Indian children in their home – one boy they kept for eight years; he was then in the mission field, and they were paying for his mission. When my companion and I brought that family into the Church, we couldn't look ahead seventy years and see what would become of them.

"I checked with another family that I'd been instrumental in bringing into the Church. They couldn't give me details, but they said that when their grandfather died, there were 150 direct descendants in the Church at that time, and five of them were serving as bishops.

"I went over these ten families in my mind the other day, thinking of the words of Jesus when he said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:19–21)

"What do you suppose I could have done during those few years of my young manhood that would lay away treasures in heaven like the years I spent over there among those Dutch people? Some of them have already passed on, and I love them almost like my own family. I look forward to being able to meet them again when my time comes to join that innumerable group.

"Now I have labored so much with the missionaries. I have been on four

missions, and presided over two, and I have toured many missions, and love to hear those young men bear their testimonies. For instance, another young man in Oregon in our testimony meeting said that there wasn't a company in this world that could pay him a large enough salary to get him to leave his missionary work. And he had been in the armed forces and away from home for several years and then out into the mission field. I had a letter here just last week from a missionary from up in Idaho, and I copied a little paragraph from it. I'd like to read it to you. He said this:

"There is no greater work than that of missionary work. My mission has been the most rewarding undertaking in my entire twenty-seven years of life. My life is dedicated to serving the Lord. My heart is overflowing as are the tears of joy that are now coming from my eyes. There is nothing so wonderful – nothing – as tasting the joy and success of missionary labors.

"I had a young missionary come in to visit with me as he returned from the Argentine. I knew his people back in Washington, and he had been kept over to help train some of the other missionaries, until he had been away from home for three years. And I said, "Craig, do you feel like it was a waste of time to be in the mission field, that you ought to have been home getting your education and getting ready to settle down?" He said, "Now listen, bishop, if the Brethren want to make me happy, just let them load me on the plane in the morning and let them send me back to the Argentine." You can't put that kind of feeling in the hearts of young people with money. The Lord who creates the feelings of the human breast is the only one who can put that kind of faith into the hearts of his people.

"Brethren, after all the missionary service I have had, I wouldn't want to raise a boy and not have him go on a mission, for his good and because I think we owe it to the world to share with them the truths of the gospel. And one way to make sure that your boys will go on missions is to start a missionary fund for them and let them keep adding to it, and they will be on their missions from the time that they are young boys. For instance, down in California I went to a ward, and the bishop has a program of giving to each boy when he's ordained a deacon fifteen dollars out of the missionary fund. Then they ask the father to match it, and then every time the boy is interviewed – for instance, when he's ordained a teacher – they check on his missionary fund. I figured, on a percentage basis, if every ward in the Church had as many missionaries in the field as that ward, we would have 55,500 missionaries. So I provided in my family that every male child

who has not been on a mission has a missionary fund so he will know that he is on his mission from the time he is a boy.

“God bless you all, and may we not disappoint our great leader in sending all of our boys on missions, I pray, and I leave you my blessing, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”

I love you all,
Bishop Milne

Primary

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

October Theme:

Blessings of the Priesthood are available to all

October Scripture:

"And also all they who receive this priesthood receive me, saith the Lord"
Doctrine & Covenants 84:35



Elder Robert D. Hales once promised that the bounteous blessings of the Priesthood can be ours through our obedience and that all the magnificent, eternal blessings that God makes available to men and women and families upon this earth can be ours through the power of the Priesthood. The Priesthood of God gives light to his children in this dark and troubled world. Through the Priesthood power we can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost to lead us to truth, testimony, and revelation. This gift is available on an equal basis to men, women and children. Through the blessings of the Priesthood we can be equipped with the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (General Conference October 1995)
We will miss you Elder Hales.

We want to thank the Primary children for the wonderful job they did for their Sacrament Meeting program. Their sweet voices bore testimony as they sang and spoke, filling the room with the love of our Savior.

The Primary Presidency

Relief Society

Once again, we have enjoyed a glorious General Conference to be taught from inspired leaders and prophets who love us and teach eternal truths that will lead us back to our Heavenly Father through our Savior, Jesus Christ. How eternally blessed we are.

Sisters, we would like to ask you to recommit yourself to your Visiting Teaching. Without your faithfulness, we can't help and take care of each other. Sister Beck said, "From the day the gospel began to be restored in this dispensation; the Lord has needed faithful women to participate as His disciples." Please, we feel we can do better.

We want to thank Darlene Visser for her service as a Visiting Teaching supervisor. She has moved to the Cedarwood at Sandy, Apartment 206, which is a Retirement Community. We will miss you Darlene, but wish you well in your new home.

OCTOBER LESSONS:

October 8 - Chapter 19: Priesthood Leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ -
Kara McLeskey

October 15 - Chapter 20: Fellowship with Those Who Are Not of Our Faith -
Janis Kershaw

October 22 - "Gathering of the Family of God" -
Conference talk from Pres. Henry B. Eyring - Lori Hanson

October 29 - Combined RS with Priesthood.
Lesson on Temple and Family History with Russ and Gina Messerly.

Please save Saturday, November 11 for a Christmas Service Project for the residents of Alta Ridge Care Center. This we will do instead of Super Saturday activities. Don't forget to line up babysitting help for that morning. Come and enjoy the morning making something special for our dear friends.

We want to thank you for all your service and love as we truly are the Lord's hands and heart here on earth. So many lives are being blessed.

We love you.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Teachers/Priests

Thursday, October 12

Baptisms at The Draper Temple -
7 p.m. Meet at the church at 6:30.

Saturday, October 14

LOOK UP - Day For Youth
(14-18 year olds) - University of
Utah Institute - 2 to 11 p.m.
Leaving the church at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

Young Men Activity

Tuesday, October 24

Young Men Activity

Sunday, October 29

Young Men Sacrament Meeting

Tuesday, October 31

Happy Halloween!!!

Young Women

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Face to Face with Musical Artists -
6 p.m.

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Leaving the church at 1:15 p.m.
Need a leader to attend.

Tuesday, October 17

Riverton FamilySearch Library

Tuesday, October 24

Class Activities

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween - No Activity

Sandy East Stake Missionary Preparation Class

Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m. - in the Stake Center Multipurpose Room

Choir

Starting October 8th the choir will be rehearsing each
Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Burnett's home on
Ridgemark. If you have a desire to sing with us you're
invited to join us whenever you're able to do so.

This is a guilt-free choir, so come when you can and rejoice
in the hymns of the Lord.

LOOK UP

ALL YOUTH 14-18 YEARS OLD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

OCTOBER 14TH 2-11^{PM}

AT THE

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH INSTITUTE

(NO COST)

JOHN BYTHEWAY

ALEX BOYE

SERVICE PROJECT

DINNER

ECLIPSE CONCERT

DANCE



a day for youth

PLEASE REFER TO THE FOR STRENGTH OF YOUTH FOR DRESS STANDARDS
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Regional Activity for Youth (with help from each ward Relief Society)

This information comes from Paula Christiansen
(the new Stake YW President).

We are joining with seven other stakes for a giant regional activity on October 14th and that we hope to have about 800 youth attend. The organizers have asked each stake involved reach out to their ward Relief Societies and ask for support in donating some simple items needed for the service projects planned for part of the event. Four projects are planned, all to benefit children in need in Guatemala. We are asking ward Relief Society members to donate the following:

fleece for baby blankets (any size)
felt (any size)
small stocking-stuffer gifts
Christmas wrapping paper
yarn

Relief Society Presidents will start a collection of these items. Collected items are due by October 6th. Paula Christiansen will stop by a leader's home in each ward to pick up collected items (just let her know whose home the items are at).

For further questions please contact Paula directly.
Her cell number is 801-824-9044 and her email is
pwchristiansen@yahoo.com

Our Ward Missionaries

Elder David Coleman Lloyd

Argentina Comodoro Rivadavia Mission
Av. Fray Luis Beltran 75
Comodoro Rivadavia
Chubut, 9000
Argentina

Gary and Susan Johnson

Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch

Robert and Andrea Marx

Guest Service Missionaries
at Temple Square

Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan

Helsinki Finland Temple Mission
Leppäsillantie 3,
FI-02620 Espoo, Finland
Check out their missionary blog at:
SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com

Bob and Marie Thompson

Service Missionaries
at the Bishops' Storehouse

Joshua Ellis

Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo West Mission

Ward Missionaries:

Robert and Carrie Burnett
Jim and Myrna Christensen
Richard and Linda Hackett
Ryan and Allison Terry

Happy Birthday!



October 2017

- 1 Mike Killpack
- 2 Sandy Gao
- 3 Oriana Reyes
- 4 Brodee Crump
- 5 Selina Gao
- 10 Dennis Duffy
- 11 Stephen Horstmanshoff
- 14 Lars Johnson
- 17 Josh Alfaro
- 17 Marvon Holdaway
Naomi Martindale
- 18 Leroy Lee
JJ Rigby
Marilyn Short
Bruce Sullivan
- 19 Caleb Banks
Doug Milne
Elinor Williams
- 20 Xander Zitzelsberger
- 21 Scott Anderson
- 22 Jennifer Anderson
Brent Parsons
- 25 Ole Anderson
- 26 Sherri True
- 27 Larry Casey
Donna Petersen
- 28 Darlene Visser
- 30 Shaunna Evans
Ashley Thompson
- 31 Nelson Lesher

November 2017

- 1 Brooke Edmonds
- 2 Richard Haight
- 5 Debra Hawkins
John Mahler

Relative Finder

Discover how you are related to prophets, presidents and friends.

The BYU Computer Center and Family History Technology Labs have developed a source for members to learn who they are related to and how. Here is a list of groups that are available to show you if and how you are related to famous people:

Authors and poets	LDS - Current Apostles
Business Leaders	LDS - Prophets
Catholic Saints and Popes	LDS - Prophets' Wives
Composers	LDS - Women Auxiliary Leaders
Constitution Signers	Mayflower Immigrants
Declaration Signers	Movie Stars
Entertainers	Reformers
European Royalty	Science and Technology
Famous Americans	Sports Figures
Famous Europeans	US Presidents and their wives

A Relative Finder group has been set up for the The Indian Ridge Ward and Sandy East Stake members to find out who in the ward and stake they are related to and how. This technology will find common ancestors and show each person's connection to those common ancestors. They provide excellently clear charts to show, and easily print, your relationships to these people.

To join our Ward (and Stake) Group, register by doing the following:

1. Go to **www.RelativeFinder.org**
2. Find and click on the LOGIN TO FAMILY SEARCH link
3. Sign in to your FAMILY SEARCH account with your USER NAME and PASSWORD
4. Click on SIGN IN
5. At the top of the page, on the tool bar, click on GROUPS
6. Drop down from GROUPS and click on JOIN A GROUP
7. Click the box named SEARCH BY GROUP NAME
8. Type in **Indian Ridge Ward (or Sandy Utah East Stake)**
9. Click on the SEARCH bar to right and put in our password: **Indian (or sandyfh)**
10. You should now be registered and ready to explore Relative Finder and your relationships to ancestors, both famous and in our ward (and stake).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lane Clark at 801-808-3085.